

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5	In re Application of: Birk et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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	Application No.: 10/562,954)	
)	Examiner: Elana Beth Fisher
	Filing Date: December 30, 2005)	
)	Confirmation No.: 8688
10	For: IMPLANTABLE DEVICE FASTENING)	
	SYSTEM AND METHODS OF USE)	Customer No.: 51957
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15 Mail Stop AMENDMENT
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT

20 Dear Sir:

Applicants respond to the December 23, 2009 office action as follows:

25 **Listing** of the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.